

# Near Mean Cordial - Path Related Graphs

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**Abstract**— Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. A Near Mean Cordial Labeling of  $G$  is a function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1, p+1\}$  such that for each edge  $uv$  the induced map  $f^*$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (f(u) + f(v)) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$ , and it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ , where  $e_f(0)$  and  $e_f(1)$  represent the number of edges labeled with 0 and 1 respectively. A graph is called a Near Mean Cordial Graph if it admits a Near Mean Cordial Labeling. In this paper, It is proved that the graphs  $P_n$ ,  $SP(P_n, K_{1,m})$  and  $B_{m,n}$  are Near Mean Cordial Graphs. AMS Mathematics subject classification 2010: 05C78.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

By a graph, it means a finite undirected graph without loops or multiple edges. For graph theoretic terminology, we referred Harary[4]. For labeling of graphs, we referred Gallian[1].

A vertex labeling of a graph  $G$  is an assignment of labels to the vertices of  $G$  that induces for each edge  $uv$  a label depending on the vertex labels of  $u$  and  $v$ .

A graph  $G$  is said to be labeled if the  $n$  vertices are distinguished from one another by symbols such as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . In a labeling of a particular type, the vertices are assigned distinct values from a given set, which induces distinguish edge values satisfying certain conditions. The concept of graceful labeling was introduced by Rosa[3] in 1967 and subsequently by Golomb[2]. In this paper, It is proved that  $P_n, B_{m,n}, SP(P_n, K_{1,m})$  are Near Mean Cordial Graphs.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

### A. Definition 2.1:

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. Let  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  and the induced edge label, assigning  $|f(u) - f(v)|$  is called a Cordial Labeling if the number of vertices labeled 0 and the the number of vertices labeled 1 differ by atmost 1 and also the number of edges labeled 0 and the the number of edges labeled 1 differ by atmost 1. A graph is called Cordial if it has a cordial labeling.

### B. Definition 2.2

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph.  $G$  is said to be a Mean Cordial Graph if  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  such that for each edge  $uv$  the induced map  $f^*$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = \lfloor \frac{f(u)+f(v)}{2} \rfloor$  where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denote the least integer which is  $\leq x$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$  where  $e_f(0)$  is the number of edges with zero label.  $e_f(1)$  is the number of edges with one label.

### C. Definition 2.3

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. A Near Mean Cordial Labeling on  $G$  is a function in  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1, p+1\}$  such that for each edge  $uv$  the induced map  $f^*$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (f(u) + f(v)) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$  and it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . Where  $e_f(0)$  and  $e_f(1)$  represent the number of edges labeled with 0 and 1 respectively. A graph is called a Near Mean Cordial Graph if it admits a near mean cordial labeling.

### D. Definition 2.4

If all the vertices in a walk are distinct, then it is called a path  $P_n$  and a path of length  $k$  is denoted by  $P_{k+1}$ .

### E. Definition 2.5

A graph obtained from a path of length  $n - 1$  by attaching root of a star  $K_{1,m}$  at one end of the path. It is denoted by  $SP(P_n, K_{1,m})$ .

### F. Definition 2.6

The Bistar  $B_{m,n}$  is a graph obtained from  $K_2$  by joining the centers of  $K_{1,m}$  at one end and  $K_{1,n}$  at the other end of  $K_2$ .

## III. MAIN RESULTS

### A. Theorem 3.1

$P_n$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

#### 1) Proof

Let  $V(P_n) = \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ .

Let  $E(P_n) = \{(u_i u_{i+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$ .

a) Case (i): when  $n$  is odd

Define  $f : V(P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1, n+1\}$  by

$$f(u_1) = 1, \quad f(u_{n-1}) = n+1$$

$$f(u_{2i+1}) = i+1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(u_{2i}) = \frac{n+1}{2} + i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-3}{2}$$

The induced edge labeling are

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (f(u_i) + f(u_{i+1})) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

Here,

$$e_f(0) = e_f(1) = \frac{n-1}{2}.$$

Hence, it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence,  $P_n$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of  $P_7$  is shown in the Figure 1.

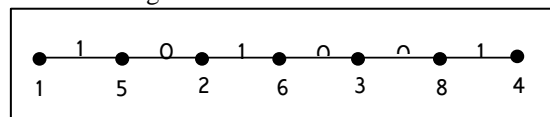


Fig. 1: Graph

b) Case (ii): when  $n$  is even

Define  $f : V(P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1, n+1\}$  by

$$f(u_1) = 1, \quad f(u_n) = n+1$$

$$f(u_{2i+1}) = i+1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(u_{2i}) = \frac{n-2}{2} + i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

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The induced edge labeling are

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_i) + f(u_{i+1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

c) Sub case(i): when  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

Here,  $e_f(0) = \frac{n}{2}$  and  $e_f(1) = \frac{n}{2} - 1$ .

Hence, it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence,  $P_n$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of  $P_8$  is shown in the Figure 2.

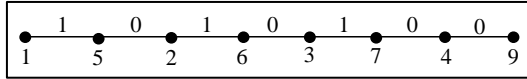


Fig. 2: Graph

d) Sub case(ii): when  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$

Here,  $e_f(0) = \frac{n}{2} - 1$  and  $e_f(1) = \frac{n}{2}$ .

Hence, it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence,  $P_n$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of  $P_6$  is shown in the Figure 3.

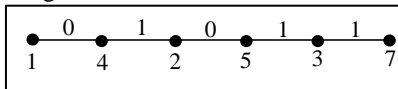


Fig. 3: Graph

**B. Theorem 3.2**

$SP(P_n, K_{1,m})$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

1) Proof:

Let  $V(SP(P_n, K_{1,m})) = \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ .

Let  $E(SP(P_n, K_{1,m})) = \{(u_i u_{i+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{(u_n v_i) : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ .

a) Case (i): when  $n$  is even

Define  $f : V(SP(P_n, K_{1,m})) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m+n-1, m+n+1\}$  by

$$f(u_{2i-1}) = i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(u_n) = m+n+1$$

$$f(u_{2i}) = (m+1) + \frac{n}{2} + (i-1), \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1$$

$$f(v_i) = \frac{n}{2} + i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

b) Case (ii): when  $n$  is odd

Define  $f : V(SP(P_n, K_{1,m})) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m+n-1, m+n+1\}$  by

$$f(u_{2i-1}) = i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$f(u_{n-1}) = m+n+1$$

$$f(u_{2i}) = (m+1) + \frac{n+1}{2} + (i-1), \quad 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-3}{2}$$

$$f(v_i) = \frac{n+1}{2} + i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

The induced edge labelings are

$$f^*(u_i u_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_i) + f(u_{i+1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f^*(u_n v_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(u_n) + f(v_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

When  $n$  is even and  $m$  is odd

Here,  $e_f(0) = e_f(1) = \frac{m+n-1}{2}$ .

Hence, it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

When  $n$  is odd and  $m$  is odd

Here,  $e_f(0) = \frac{m+n}{2}$  and  $e_f(1) = \frac{m+n}{2} - 1$ .

Hence, it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence,  $SP(P_n, K_{1,m})$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of  $SP(P_6, K_{1,3})$  and  $SP(P_5, K_{1,5})$  is shown in Figures 4 and 5.

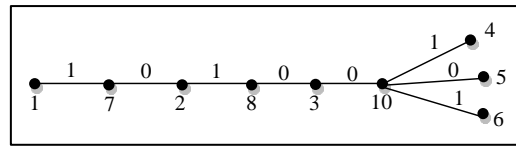


Fig. 4: Graph

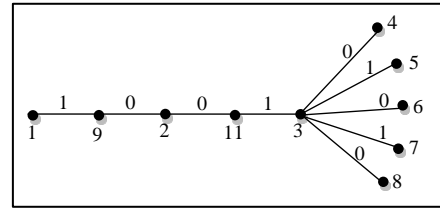


Fig. 5: Graph

When  $n$  is even and  $m$  is even

When  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

Here,

$$e_f(0) = \frac{m+n}{2} \text{ and } e_f(1) = \frac{m+n}{2} - 1.$$

When  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$

Here,

$$e_f(1) = \frac{m+n}{2} \text{ and } e_f(0) = \frac{m+n}{2} - 1.$$

Hence, it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

When  $n$  is odd and  $m$  is even

Here,

$$e_f(0) = e_f(1) = \frac{m+n-1}{2}$$

Hence, it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence,  $SP(P_n, K_{1,m})$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of  $SP(P_4, K_{1,4})$ ,  $SP(P_5, K_{1,6})$  and  $SP(P_2, K_{1,4})$  is shown in Figures 6.

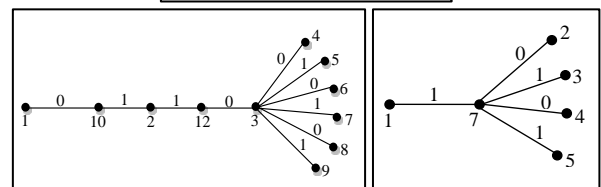
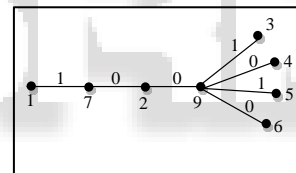


Fig. 6: Graph

**C. Theorem 3.3**

$B_{m,n}$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

1) Proof

Let  $V(B_{m,n}) = \{u, v, (u_i : 1 \leq i \leq m), (v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n)\}$ .

Let  $E(B_{m,n}) = \{\{uv\} \cup \{(u u_i) : 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{(v v_i) : 1 \leq i \leq n\}\}$ .

a) Case (i): when  $m = n$

Define  $f : V(B_{m,n}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m+n+1, m+n+3\}$  by

$$f(u) = 2m+1, \quad f(v) = 2n+3$$

$$f(u_i) = 2i-1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f(v_i) = 2i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

The induced edge labeling are

$$f^*(uv) = 1$$

$$f^*(u u_i) = 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f^*(v v_i) = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Here

$$e_f(0) = \frac{m+n}{2} \text{ and } e_f(1) = \frac{m+n}{2} + 1.$$

Hence, it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .  
Hence,  $B_{m,n}$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of  $B_{4,4}$  is shown in the Figure 7.

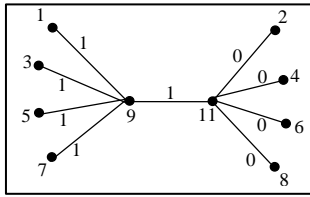


Fig. 7: Graph

b) Case (ii): when  $m < n$

Define  $f: V(B_{m,n}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m+n+1, m+n+3\}$  by

$$f(u) = m+n+1, \quad f(v) = m+n+3$$

$$f(u_i) = 2i-1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f(v_i) = 2i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f(v_i) = m+i, \quad m+1 \leq i \leq n$$

c) sub case(i): when  $m$  is odd,  $n$  is odd and when  $m$  is even,  $n$  is even

The induced edge labelings are

$$f^*(uv) = 1$$

$$f^*(uu_i) = 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f^*(vv_i) = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f^*(v v_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(v) + f(v_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad m+1 \leq i \leq n$$

Here,

$$e_f(0) = \frac{m+n}{2} \text{ and } e_f(1) = \frac{m+n}{2} + 1.$$

d) sub case(ii): when  $m$  is odd,  $n$  is even and when  $m$  is even,  $n$  is odd

The induced edge labelings are

$$f^*(uv) = 1$$

$$f^*(uu_i) = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f^*(vv_i) = 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$f^*(v v_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(v) + f(v_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad m+1 \leq i \leq n$$

Here

$$e_f(0) = \frac{m+n+1}{2} = e_f(1).$$

Hence, In all the cases it satisfies the condition  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence,  $B_{m,n}$  is a Near Mean Cordial Graph.

For example, the Near Mean Cordial Labeling of  $B_{3,5}$ ,  $B_{2,6}$ ,  $B_{5,8}$  and  $B_{6,7}$  are shown in Figures 8.

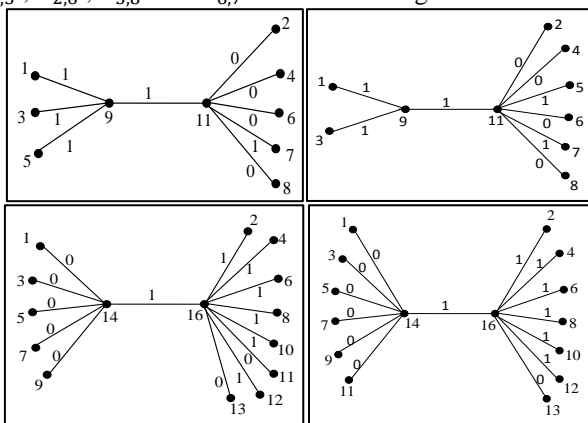


Fig. 8: Graph

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